



One of the kids at the Backyard Bible Club near Lyon thinks he knows the answer to a question about the Bible story being told by summer missionary Laurie Brown. Such clubs are a way to begin new Baptist work in communities such as Lane Acres near Lyon, where an evangelical witness is scarce.

## Church: "When I get older"

By Tim Nicholas

Two summer missionaries working in Riverside Association did a survey of a community just outside of Lyon. One respondent, age 78, said he was a Catholic.

The girls asked if he was going to church regularly. "No," he answered, "but I will when I get older."

Alice Lusby and Laurie Brown, two Home Mission Board student summer missionaries working under the direction of Jerry Gray, director of missions for Riverside, said that is a typical response.

"The people say they send their kids to Sunday School," said Laurie, a student at Gainesville (Ga.) Junior College. "They think if they're religious that'll get them to heaven."

Alice, a student at Cumberland College in Kentucky, agrees with her partner that though they are working in the Bible Belt, "They need to get saved as much as in Georgia." Laurie adds that "a lot are not really hearing the gospel at all."

Asked who the mother of Jesus was, the kids in one Bible club didn't know. One guessed Hannah, who had been the subject of the first day's study.

In the survey in that subdivision, only seven out of 54 homes contacted have family members attending church regularly.

Alice said that a survey in only the beginning of work with people. "You can't go to a door, knock on it and preach down their throats."

Gray said the Backyard Bible Club is a part of the beginning of work in a community. In Lane Acres, where the Bible Club pictured takes place, there is a follow up with a weekly Big A Club. Gray said that volunteers from Oakhurst and Lyon Baptist Churches are providing help for the summer missionaries.

"Then we will try home Bible fellowships," said Gray. "Parents seem to be impressed that people care enough to come to them."

Other activities the students are involved in include a half dozen day camps for kids in grades 1-6. The four hour programs include talks by local pastors; and the girls lead sessions on God's leading, creating, and providing for people. "Reverend Gray has us speak on why we need summer missions," said Alice.

Said Laurie, "I didn't realize how badly people need someone to get them back into the churches."



HMB summer missionary Laurie Brown pours the Kool-Aid for a Backyard Bible Club near Lyon.



Alice Lusby, HMB summer missionary, leads a discussion of a Bible story during a Backyard Bible Club.

## Temporary rate reduction set for non-profit mail

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)—A temporary postal rate reduction for Baptist state papers and other nonprofit mailers has been set for July 28 as the result of an amendment to a recently enacted urgent supplemental appropriations bill.

The \$42 million added to the emergency appropriations measure by Senate and House conferees will partially rescind the large increases which doubled postage costs for most preferred-rate mailers last January. A Postal Service spokesman estimated the extra funding will mean a reduction of postage rates of about 25 percent for most second-class mailers through the current fiscal year which ends Sept. 30, 1982.

Technically, the new appropriation will move these mailers to step 13 of a 16-year phasing process Congress initiated in 1970 to adjust preferred rates toward full attributable costs in gradual increments. That phasing process was short-circuited last January after Congress sharply reduced funding for the subsidy, requiring an immediate jump in the rates from step 10 to step 16.

The rate reduction will prove to be short-lived unless Congress elects to fund the subsidy at a figure higher than that contained in its preliminary budget for fiscal 1983. That budget, which set non-binding spending targets, recommended \$400 million for the revenue foregone subsidy, an amount which would require additional rate hikes beyond those put in place last January.

The amendment providing the additional 1982 funding for the Postal Service had been pushed by Sen. Quentin E. Burdick, D-N.D. Burdick had successfully attached a \$62 million amendment to earlier versions of the

emergency funding measure passed by Congress, but vetoed by President Reagan. The \$62 million figure would have reduced the non-profit rates beginning June 20, through the remainder of the fiscal year.

(Chesser writes for the BJCPA.)

## Canaday, other clergymen expelled from Saudi Arabia

By Bill Webb

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptist Extended Service Volunteers James and Ellen Canaday were expelled from Saudi Arabia July 1, just six weeks after Saudi police closed their meeting place without warning.

Canaday, 66, who had been pastor of a protestant congregation in Saudi Arabia for five years, said he was given no reason either for the expulsion or for the closing of the meeting place.

Legal appeal was not available, he said, adding that he and his wife were given only two weeks to leave the country.

In predominantly Moslem countries, as in every other country in which Southern Baptists work, the presence of volunteers or career missionaries is subject to the consent of the government.

There are no career Southern Baptist missionaries in Saudi Arabia, according to the Foreign Mission Board. The Canadays' protestant congregation and a Catholic group shared an

assembly hall they built cooperatively on an American school campus in Jeddah, in western Saudi Arabia. The school used the hall on weekdays.

Two priests, who worked with the Catholic congregation, were expelled immediately after the hall was closed; the Canadays were told a month later that they had only two weeks to leave the country.

"The Christian fellowship was recognized and permitted by the Saudi Arabian government for the benefit of the many Christian expatriates working in the nation," Canaday explained. "By the regulation of government authorities, no Saudis were included in

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## Argentine, British Baptists in harmony

By Robert O'Brien

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP)—Emotional delegates spontaneously burst into chorus after chorus of "Alleluia" after Argentine and British Baptists leaders clasped hands at the Baptist World Alliance Meeting.

The celebration occurred as both Samuel Libert, a pastor from Rosario, Argentina, and Bernard Green of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, seconded a motion that Baptist youths of the world go ahead with plans to hold their meeting in Buenos Aires as originally scheduled, but postpone it one year, until July 1984.

"The overriding concern for Christians is the peace of the world," Green said. "Some have suggested cancellation, I say we must go because we bear witness to Christ's reconciling power, and the greatest sovereignty of all is God's sovereignty over the world."

"We love the British people and the American people, but we hate war," Libert, a past president of the Argentine Baptist Convention, said. "We in Argentina hope to have justice, peace, freedom and light. We love our brothers in Christ everywhere." He was baptized 40 years ago by a British Baptist missionary.

The motion, which was adopted with the same emotion as it was seconded by Green and Libert, was presented by Bob R. Taylor, BWA youth department chairman and a Southern Baptist from Nashville, Tenn. He told delegates to the General Council of the worldwide body of 30 million Baptists that the committee proposed the delay "to give time for feelings to mend and for anxieties and conditions to improve," following the conflict between Britain and Argentina about sovereignty over the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands.

He said the youth committee felt that moving the meeting from Argentina would "create misunderstanding and lack of trust" and send the wrong message to South America about the attitude of world Baptists.

Later, in a separate vote, the General Council decided to hold its own meeting as previously planned in July 1983 in Buenos Aires, subject to conditions. The council also passed a resolution commending the Christian attitude British and Argentine Baptists have maintained toward each other.

During the heat of the South Atlantic crisis, Argentine Baptists took a vote favoring their government position but urging a peaceful solution. Before the actual conflict began, the Baptist

Union of Great Britain and Ireland urged the British government to seek a peaceful solution and negotiate through the United Nations.

But, while differing politically, Baptists in the two countries, who have had relationships for years through the Baptist World Alliance, never wavered in their concern for each other and the sorrow felt by families of both nations, the two leaders said.

Argentines, meeting in their annual convention, rose to cheer and applaud after receiving a letter from Green during the crisis which said British Baptists "are one with you in prayer for a peaceful solution. Our sympathy is with you for the families of both nations who are suffering sadness."

Both Libert and Green said they anticipated no visa problems for citizens of any country, including Great Britain and the United States, which sided with the British.

Taylor said program leaders for the 10th Baptist Youth World Conference July 11-15, 1984, plan to make it a "symbol of Christian healing of relationships, reconciliation, peace. It will allow world youth to demonstrate oneness in Christ and present a Christian witness to South America in general and Argentina in particular."

(O'Brien writes for the FMB.)

## Five Mississippi couples named to foreign missions

Five couples with Mississippi ties have been appointed to service by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

They are David and Gloria Glaze, Julio and Dorothy Diaz, Donnie and Dimple Bond, Terry and Kathy Sharp, and William and Michele Brigham.

Six are graduates of Mississippi College.

David and Gloria Glaze were appointed to Argentina where he will be a mass communications specialist and she will be a home and church worker. He is finishing a master of science degree program at Mississippi College. He has a bachelor's degree from MC and earned the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

Glaze is the son of Jack and Eugenia Glaze, former missionaries to Argentina. Jack Glaze heads the religion department at MC.

Glaze has been a construction worker in Jackson and was a summer missionary (with his wife) to Guam and has worked with the Spanish-speaking congregations at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson and at Benjamin Burgos Church in Shelby.

Mrs. Glaze is the former Gloria Marler, daughter of Parkes and Martha Ellen Marler, missionaries to Guam. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and attended Southern Seminary. She has worked in sales and taught at the childcare center at Southern Seminary.

The Glazes have three children: Jennifer Lynn, born in 1978, Joel Keith, 1981, and Seth Ryan, 1981.

As missionary associates, Julio and Dorothy Diaz will work in Mexico,

where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a home and church worker. He is a Home Mission Board missionary, serving as director of the Spanish and French divisions of New Orleans Seminary Ethnic Branch in Miami, Fla. Mrs. Diaz is also a missionary, teaching at the seminary branch and at the Haitian Refugee Center in Miami.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned a diploma from New Orleans Seminary and a bachelor of divinity and master of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary.

A native of Argentina, he has been a summer missionary in Texas and was pastor of First Mexican Baptist Church, Fort Worth, First Mexican Baptist Church, Baytown, Tex.; First Baptist Church, Mar del Plata, Argentina; and led the Spanish department of Tamiama Baptist Church, Miami. For 17 years he was a professor at International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires.

Born in Webster County, Miss., Mrs. Diaz, the former Dorothy Williams, attended Wood Junior College and MC, and is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College. She received a degree in nursing from the International Red Cross in Argentina and received the bachelor's degree in nursing there.

The Diazes have two grown children.

Donnie and Dimple Bond, missionary associates, will work in the Leeward Islands where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a home and church worker.

Born in Pike County, he attended

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## Help wanted

Brick masons are needed to help Campers on Mission members complete a new building for Bogue Chitto Baptist Church near Philadelphia.

Golden Mason of Brookhaven is chaplain of the Mississippi Campers on Missions chapter and is coordinator of the project. He said the chapter members will continue working each week end until the building is completed. At this point the walls are up and the roof decking is on, he said.

The Indian members are helping in the construction, but there are no brick masons among the church members or the Campers on Mission members.

Members of Bogue Chitto Baptist Church are meeting outside until the building is completed. Brick masons could contact Sam Green at 656-7432, Philadelphia, or Terry Cross at 483-3369, Meridian.



## "Crossing over"

Over 1,000 persons "cross over" to the new sanctuary of Fairview Baptist Church in Columbus. The new sanctuary will seat up to 1200 persons, some 600 more than the former

building on the right. Following a short memorial service in the former sanctuary, the congregation crossed the street for the first service in the new \$1.4 million facility. (Story, p. 2)

## Postal rate reduction may not be enough to help Baptist Record

The fact that the Congress has passed and President Reagan has signed an emergency supplemental bill restoring temporarily the phase-out program for second-class, nonprofit subsidies is encouraging.

It must be noted, of course, that this particular action will be effective for only two months. What will happen to postage rates in the 1983 budget is undecided, and the possibility exists of postage being even more expensive than it has been to this point in 1982.

Because of the uncertainty that still exists, and because we waited so long to announce subscription price increases in the hope that such a measure could be passed, we are unable to determine that the recently announced subscription increase can be avoided at this time. We will continue to watch developments closely and continue to work for a continuation of reduced postage rates in the hope of being able to make available to our subscribers any savings realized.—Don McGregor, editor.



# William Carey expands far beyond 10 acres

By Don McGregor

The path for William Carey College since its beginning in 1906 has not been an easy one. About this time last year the school passed its 75th anniversary; and as members of the faculty and administration look ahead, they don't envision a much easier road. They are preparing for the future, however, with the confidence that the determination and ministry and faith that has brought the institution this far will be adequate to keep it going for as long as it is needed.

The college that once was confined to 10-acre campus of cut over pine land out from Hattiesburg has now expanded to include a nursing school in New Orleans and a campus on the Mississippi Gulf Coast at Gulfport.

The stated purpose of the college is "to engage faculty, staff, and students in an educational process which stimulates intellectual, spiritual, and cultural development and which prepares students to assume or augment career and professional responsibilities within the Baptist denomination and within society as a whole. Also basic to the college's sense of purpose is the desire to give the student an appreciation of his cultural heritage and preparation for becoming a vital, participating person in the present cultural processes. In a context where close interpersonal relationships throughout the college community are viewed as integral to the process of development, the college seeks to equip the student to make value or moral judgments informed and supported by the Biblical foundations of the Christian faith in an effort to assure a meaningful, purposeful life."

To this end the president, Ralph Noonkester, two vice-presidents, six deans and 126 faculty members have dedicated their energies and abilities. They work with some 2,500 students on the three campuses.

Noonkester is observing his 26th anniversary as president of the college during this 76th year of its ministry. In addition, he has just become the chairman of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Vice-presidents

The two vice-presidents are Hugh Dickens for administrative affairs and Milton Wheeler for academic affairs. Five deans head the schools of Arts and Sciences, Music, Business, Nursing, and the graduate school. In addition there is a program of continuing education headed by a dean.

Recent deaths and retirements among administration and faculty members have made this almost a new structure, Noonkester said. "It is the beginning of a new era," he noted. Wheeler serves not only as academic vice-president but also as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. This school has 12 departments. Joseph M. Ernest was dean of this school until his retirement in 1981.

Donald Winters retired in 1981 as dean of the School of Music. The new dean in that area is James Fry.

The School of Nursing in New Orleans has a new dean. She is Joan McConnell.

## 99 journeymen commissioned

RICHMOND, Va.—The Foreign Mission Board commissioned 99 new missionary journeymen July 16 during a service at Northminster Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. This included four Mississippians: Kathy Butts, Raymond, for Zimbabwe; Shirley Gross, Tupelo, Japan; Monica Powell, Jackson, South Korea; and Pam Randle, Amory, Colombia.

All Southern Baptist college graduates under 27, the journeymen will work for two years alongside career missionaries in 43 countries.

The 18th group commissioned since the first journeymen went abroad in 1965, the 99 represent at least 90 Southern Baptist churches in 22 states and Canada.

The new journeymen will travel overseas in late July and August.

## Roundtable head dislikes Schultz

MEMPHIS (EP)—Ed McAteer, head of Religious Roundtable, has sent the following telegram to President Reagan on the Mideast and the appointment of George Schultz.

"The nomination of George Schultz, President of the Bechtel Corp., adds a troubling note to our relations with Israel because of his deep Arab ties. Any weakening of U.S. support for our Middle East friend and ally Israel will only aggravate the situation in Lebanon and encourage further Saudi blackmail and Soviet intrigue.

"The PLO occupying forces in West Beirut must be forced to surrender their arms and permit the innocent civilians in West Beirut to leave the city. The Religious Roundtable calls on you, President Reagan, to stand firm in your support of Israel's aims to free Lebanon and remove all foreign armies from her soil."



A new gateway marks the entrance to the campus of William Carey College. Though the street continues on into the campus, it is no longer a public thoroughfare. New streets now circle the college.

Along with his duties as administrative vice-president, Dickens serves as dean of the graduate school. And serving as dean of the School of Business Administration is Ed Weldon.

The dean of the program of continuing education is Jack Rogers.

William Carey College on the Coast is guided by the administrative dean, James Downey.

The Department of Religion and Philosophy in the School of Arts and Sciences has a vital place in the affairs of William Carey College because of its purpose. William M. Clawson, who had been named acting chairman of the department when Don Stewart became executive vice-president of New Orleans Seminary, has been named chairman of the department. Charles Boggan, a recent doctor of philosophy graduate of Southern Seminary, has been named as a new professor of New Testament.

Clawson, the head of the Bible and church vocational curriculum, is a former missionary to Mexico who came to the campus as a visiting professor and stayed on.

Frank Dawkins is the professor on the faculty directly related to the church vocational courses. A full-time Bible professor on the coast is Walter Brown. Dorman Laird teaches in the field of Old Testament.

Carey's goal is to relate to the needs of the local church and prepare students to go directly into local church work. Additionally, the college seeks to provide for its students in church vocational courses a very good background for further classroom work at a seminary.

Those students in the field of religion are able to crossover into other areas for added adaptability. There are some 85 students regularly who major in religion, and some 35 seek minors in that field.

## Bible required

Courses in Old Testament and in New Testament are required of all students. President Noonkester has testified that students who entered school as atheists have written back to tell of church affiliation and activity.

There are 126 faculty members at William Carey including the part-time teachers. The full-time professors number 94. There are about 1,500 individual students on the Hattiesburg campus. The total head count on the

## Fairview Church "crosses over"

The congregation of Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus "crossed over" to a new church sanctuary June 27. The new sanctuary, with a cost of just over \$1.4 million, took a year to construct and doubles the church seating capacity.

Gene Henderson, pastor, commented "The people of Fairview have responded to the challenge," with God's guidance, not only was a record amount pledged for the new building, but the church has been unified even more through the project."

The church pledged slightly under a million dollars through the "Together We Build" program. The building is part one of a three-phase program which includes a new education building and a final, even larger, sanctuary some years ago.

The former sanctuary, constructed in 1965, would only seat some 500, while the new can hold 840 with up to 1200 overflow capacity. Also the new building contains 50 classrooms. Before the move, Sunday School classes were spread throughout three separate church buildings, two houses, and Fairview Elementary School.

A modern kitchen is included in the new facility with cafeteria-like serving for Wednesday night suppers and other fellowships.

A new Allen all-electronic organ was installed just prior to the crossing over. It is the largest of its kind in the state.

An overflow crowd attended the "crossing over" with estimates of up to a thousand persons present. Following a short memorial service in the former sanctuary, all in attendance "crossed over" to the new sanctuary just across the street.



Bill Clawson, right, is head of the department of Bible and church vocational studies. Frank Dawkins, left, is professor of church vocational studies and religious education.

three campuses, including continuing education students, 300 graduate students, and another 300 in nursing school is about 2,500.

The emphasis is on students, Noonkester said. To fill the educational needs of the students the college is continually seeking to improve its faculty. This is reflected in two areas. A quality faculty is sought by bringing in new members where there is understaffing or where expansion is needed, and emphasis is given to faculty development through restudy and review of curriculum.

In areas other than religion the college offers a specialist in education degree with 30 hours of credit which will transfer to a doctorate. There are medical technical courses affiliated with a local hospital. The Nursing School is accredited and has degree completion for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

In the School of Business there is improved computer technology being offered in a computer science major and in mathematics, engineering, and other areas.

The college offers bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, master of arts, master of education, and master of music, specialist in education degrees. There is an expanded major in art and an interdisciplinary major in church-community programming. There is also a graduate program in counseling psychology.

"We have good students. They are attractive, work hard, and win awards on a national level," Noonkester pointed out. Music competition brings in winners, he said, because the students work hard on campus and compete well off campus. He feels it because they have an extra Christian distinctive.

William Carey has the only music therapy major in the state.

On campus the college has a theater that has finished its eighth season. Annual attendance nears 2,500. It is a dinner theater with two shows running 2½ weeks each.

There is a strong baseball program with teams that compete nationally and a champion women's basketball team.

In addition to these areas, William



William Carey College President Ralph Noonkester, seated, is flanked by the two vice-presidents, Hugh Dickens, left, and Milton Wheeler.

## Pastor's son dies in wreck

Michael D. Ray, 22, of Ridgeland, died Saturday, July 24, in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held July 27 at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home, Jackson. Ray was a native of Jackson and a graduate of Wingfield High School. He was employed as a field representative for Mid-State Homes and was a member of Alta Woods Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Shelia Hicks Ray; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Ray III of Okolona, (his father is pastor of First Baptist Church, Fulton); one brother, Chris; one sister, Michelle. His maternal grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Hughes of Jackson, is a former long-time employee of the Baptist Record.

Nothing in life is more wonderful than faith—the one great moving force which we can neither weigh in the balance nor test in the crucible.—Sir William Osler

Carey has pioneered in adult education programs and in non-traditional programs and feels it has made adult education programs available that far exceed the normal in a church school.

William Carey College was originally known as South Mississippi College as it was founded in 1906 by W. I. Thames. In 1909 fire destroyed the administration building, and the property was acquired by W. S. F. Tatum. He turned the property over to Baptists in 1911 with the stipulation that a Christian school for girls be established. Trustees were elected from four Baptist churches in Hattiesburg, and W. E. Rivers was elected president. He named the school Mississippi Woman's College. Later in 1911 the Mississippi Baptist Convention accepted the school debt-free.

J. L. Johnston was the first president under convention control and served until he died in 1932. W. E. Holcomb was president until 1940, when operations were suspended due to unstable condition brought on by war.

In 1946 the college was reopened, and I. E. Rouse was elected president. During his administration the plant was renovated, modernized, and refurbished.

In 1953 the school became coeducational, and in 1954 the name was changed to William Carey College to honor "the father of modern missions."

When Rouse resigned in 1956, Noonkester, who had been dean, was named president.

Three separate schools were established in 1969—Arts and Sciences, Nursing, and Music. In 1976 all graduate work was brought into office under the dean of graduate studies, and the Department of Business Administration became the School of Business Administration.

Also in 1976 the Gulf Coast Military Academy at Gulfport was purchased and became William Carey College on the Coast.

So the school has determined that it will march on. It has declared that it will meet its challenges head-on, "with spirit, humor, and, most of all, faith in God—for that is the Carey way."

## Expelled from Saudi Arabia

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help the Jeddah congregation organize eight home worship centers with Bible classes. They also arranged for worship services to be conducted in the U.S. Embassy in Jeddah.

Leadership is in the hands of a group of lay preachers who live and work in the city, Canada said. The congregation in Riyadh also continues with lay leadership, its pastor unable to secure a visa to reenter the country, he added. (Webb writes for the FMB.)

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## Senior Adult Conclaves

August 16-18, 1982

August 19-21, 1982

## Gulfshore Baptist Assembly

### Speakers

William Hinson, First Church, New Orleans. (Both conclaves)

Wilbur W. Swartz, Elm Mott, TX. (Both conclaves)

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Larry J. Black, First Church, Jackson. (August 16-18)

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## Mississippi Baptist Convention top Cooperative Program gifts-'81

The following list of churches led the state in giving through the Cooperative Program. These twenty churches gave \$2,285,884.35 or 18.23% of the total given through the Cooperative Program January-December, 1981.

Church Name	Association	Coop. Prog. Gifts	Per Capita Giving By Resident Members	Ranking
FBC Jackson	Hinds Madison	240,750.00	53.33	1.
Broadmoor	Hinds Madison	227,739.92	77.34	2.
FBC Columbus	Lowndes	181,547.24	120.87	3.
FBC Yazoo City	Yazoo	129,824.34	135.37	4.
FBC Columbia	Marion	128,111.39	101.35	5.
FBC Grenada	Grenada	114,193.41	90.48	6.
Alta Woods	Hinds Madison	98,726.50	51.02	7.
FBC Vicksburg	Warren	97,582.09	73.48	8.
FBC Starkville	Oktibbeha	93,162.27	42.36	9.
FBC Meridian	Lauderdale	88,256.39	61.16	10.
FBC Brandon	Rankin	87,281.76	72.31	11.
Morrison Hgts	Hinds Madison	86,812.14	50.20	12.
Prentiss	Jeff Davis	84,772.43	167.86	13.
FBC Gulfport	Gulf Coast	83,563.56	46.32	14.
Calvary Tupelo	Lee	83,078.13	78.59	15.
FBC Greenville	Washington	80,123.50	43.16	16.
FBC Hattiesburg	Lebanon	78,826.84	61.24	17.
Woodlawn	Warren	76,555.69	54.74	18.
Fairview	Lowndes	76,063.30	67.99	19.
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# Grady Cothen will request medical retirement in 1984

By Linda Lawson  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptist Sunday School Board President Grady C. Cothen announced July 20 he is asking the board's trustees for medical retirement effective March 1, 1984.

Cothen, 61, said, "this entire matter has been discussed in detail with the officers of the trustees and with the plans and policies committee of the trustee board. The planning process was under way long before the Southern Baptist Convention meeting" in June in New Orleans, La.

Cothen emphasized there is "no relationship" between his request for medical retirement and current conflicts within Southern Baptist Convention.

He said he was notifying the trustees 18 months in advance of his retirement date "to allow ample time for an orderly transition which will include the selection of a search committee, the election of a new president and a time of orientation to the job before March 1984."

Cothen noted that the process he outlined is almost identical to that followed upon the 1975 retirement of his predecessor, James L. Sullivan.

The president of the institution with

a 1982 budget of more than \$125 million said he had planned to make a formal announcement of his retirement request at the Aug. 34 meeting of the trustees.

"The release of the erroneous story by the Nashville Banner. (July 20) made it necessary for me to communicate with the trustees by telegram immediately," said Cothen. The Banner story quoted unnamed "Southern Baptist sources" as speculating that Cothen might resign due to the "volatile situation within the Southern Baptist Convention . . . rather than health."

Cothen said he was advised by his physician almost a year ago to consider retirement. In March 1980 he underwent abdominal surgery for a malignancy. At that time 75 percent of his stomach was removed.

"There has been a general decline in

the state of my health during the last year," said Cothen. "While there is no evidence of the recurrence of the malignancy; there are inescapable physical complications that are aggravated by the necessary functions of this office."

Cothen returned to work July 19, following urological surgery June 29. At the time of the surgery, Cothen said it was not related to the earlier stomach surgery.

Cothen said: "If health allows—and I think it will—I expect to be president of the Sunday School Board in every sense of the word until March 1984."

After notifying trustees by telegram, Cothen announced his plans to the 1,100 Nashville employees in a called meeting. More than 1,600 persons are employed by the board in Baptist Bookstores, two conference centers and the Nashville central office.

(Lawson writes for the BSSB.)

## Five Mississippi couples named

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Southwest Mississippi Junior College and is a graduate of Mississippi College. He recently attended Midwestern Seminary.

He served in the U.S. Army and has been a self-employed dairy farmer in Osyka, Miss. He has been pastor of several churches including Robinson Baptist Church, Liberty, Miss., Dry Creek Baptist Church, Mendenhall and churches in Montana and Missouri.

Also a native of Pike County, Mrs. Bond is the former Dimple Conerly. She attended Southwest Mississippi Junior College and MC and has been a church secretary.

The Bonds have four children: Michael and James, now grown; Carol Ann, born in 1973; and Donnie Ryan, 1974.

Terry and Kathy Sharp will serve in Spain where he will be a student worker and she will be a home and church worker. He is minister of youth education at First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

A native of La Follette, Tenn., Sharp is a graduate of Cumberland College and earned the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He has been a church staffer in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Alabama and was a campus minister intern with the Florida Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Sharp is the former Kathy Chapman of Louisville, Ky. She attended Cumberland College and William Carey College and has worked as a clerk typist and executive secretary in Kentucky, Florida, and Alabama and as a television production assistant in Hattiesburg.

The Sharps have one child, Rebekah Danielle, born in 1979.

William and Michele Brigham III will work in Thailand, where he will be a student worker and she will be a church and home worker. He is coordinator of Baptist campus ministry in the Miami, Fla. area, for the Florida Baptist Convention. She is a campus minister and coordinator of the international student program at Miami-Dade Community College. Both are ordained to the gospel ministry.

Born in Houston, Tex., he lived in Yazoo City while growing up. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary. He has been a campus minister intern for Virginia Baptists and campus minister for Baptists in Indiana.

Mrs. Brigham, born in Collins, Miss., is the former Michele Rogers. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary. She was a summer missionary in New Mexico and in Israel. She was youth minister at churches in Georgia and Florida and was campus minister intern for Virginia Baptists, and was campus minister intern to international students in Kentucky. The Brighams have one child, William Paul Rogers, born in 1979.

All the families will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for a 12-week orientation before leaving for the mission fields.

## 204 teams enter softball tournament

A total of 204 teams have entered the Mississippi Baptist State Softball Tournament to be held Aug. 20-21 in Jackson following regional tourneys Aug. 6-7, according to state tourney director Tom Prather of Clarke College.

Defending champions are the Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, women's team and the Monticello Baptist Church men's team.

Regional tourney directors are Stan Nowell, Clarksdale; David Smith, Tupelo; David Rogers, Greenville; Ben Byler, Starkville; Charles Nikolic, Jackson; Charles Hudson, Pearl; David Ingram, Meridian; Bill Lofton, Brookhaven; Steve Rey, Hattiesburg; and Dennis Ray Smith, Petal.

## Chapman will speak at MC exercises

Morris H. Chapman, pastor of First Baptist Church, of Wichita Falls, Texas, and a native Mississippian, will

be the speaker for the summer commencement exercises scheduled at Mississippi College Saturday, Aug. 7, at 2 p.m. in the A. E. Wood Coliseum.

Approximately 75 individuals will receive bachelor or master's degrees in the ceremonies.

A native of Kosciusko and a 1963 graduate of Mississippi College, Chapman earned master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

A member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Simmons University, Chapman served two terms as president of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico and has been a member of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

## Evangelists honor Ray

In last week's story on Percy Ray, the Baptist Record reported that the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference honored him and 16 other long time evangelists. It was the Southern Baptist Evangelists' Conference that so honored him.

## Village youth dies in Jackson

John David Strahan, 15, of the Baptist Children's Village, succumbed to cancer last week. A student at Clinton Junior High, he was buried at Leaf River Cemetery, Smith County.

Memorials may be sent to the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson.

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## Tub baptism

Recently, the Adult Detention Center in Pascagoula chose Sid Taylor of Emmanuel Baptist Church to serve as chaplain. He has been successful in winning several of the inmates to Christ.

The prisoners are not permitted to leave the compound; however, Taylor was given the privilege of baptizing the converts if a suitable means could be found.

A water tank was donated for the purpose.

This picture shows Terry Long, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church baptizing one of the new converts in the water tank.

When these prisoners are baptized, they become members of either Riverside of Emmanuel. Both churches have voted to receive them regardless of their race.

## Dates given for marriage festivals

The 1982 Fall Festivals of Marriage will be held at Gloriaeta and Ridgecrest in October and November. These are weekend conferences for married couples (only) who desire to grow in a Christian context. The 1982 theme is "Couples Opening the Word."

The festivals will include opportunities to explore such diverse areas as couples communication, management of conflict, time management, developing spiritual unity, making prayer partnership in marriage, and sexuality in marriage.

The Gloriaeta Fall Festival will be October 15-17. The featured speakers will be David Cooper of Denver, Colo., and Bill Denham of Austin, Tex.

The Ridgecrest Fall Festival will be November 5-7. The featured speakers will be Walter Jackson of Louisville, Ky., and Robert Baily of Birmingham, Ala.

Additional information and pre-registration forms may be received by contacting Paul Griffin Jones, II, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or calling (601) 968-3800.

## SS conferees to hear Draper

Jimmy Draper, the newly elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention will be speaking four times at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly during two of the Sunday School Conferences the week of August 2-7.

Draper is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., and will be speaking at 7 p.m. each evening, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The accommodations at Gulfshore are filled, but those who are in commuting range are invited to the conferences which are held Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning, the week of July 26-31 and August 2-7. Commuters are also invited to the workshop services on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m.

Earl Craig, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., is the principal speaker during sessions under way, July 26-31.

Also during the morning and evening worship services, the Stalneckers, Ed and Bette and their two sons and daughters-in-law, will present the special music. As a special feature, they will present a mini-concert of Sacred Music during the Tuesday and Friday evening sessions. Commuters are especially invited in for this concert on either of these two evenings.

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## David Jenkins minister, dies

Funeral service for David C. Jenkins, 75, was held on July 12 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Jones County, near Laurel. Bethlehem had been his first full-time pastorate. He served there twice—from 1948 to 1950 and from 1956 to 1962.

Jenkins retired in 1975 after having a heart attack at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. He had a second attack two months before his death.

Ordained in 1945 by Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., he attended Clarke College and New Orleans Seminary.

He served churches in Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina and remained active after retirement. He was interim pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Ellisville, last year. Besides supplying the pulpits of 22 churches, he was voluntary chaplain of University Commons Apartments and taught a weekly Bible class in his home.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ina Hayes Jenkins; a daughter, Mrs. Ann Touchstone; a son, David Doyle Jenkins; two sisters; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Wheaton, Ill. (EP)—In a four-week radio Academy of Science series broadcast before, during, and after the latest Space Shuttle Columbia flight, astronaut Col. Jack Lousma told the Russian-speaking radio audience about someone far above himself. The Lousma series was part of Slavic Gospel Association's weekly Radio Academy of Science.

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# Baptist pavilion 'success', says director

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Over 65,000 people visited the Baptist Pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair during the first month of operation.

Said David Peach, executive director of Baptist Ministries to the fair, "The pavilion has been filled for almost every performance. Several decisions have been made and scripture portions in 15 languages have been distributed."

Daily activities scheduled for the only religious pavilion on the 72-acre fair site include music, drama, media presentations, puppetry and a display of old Bibles.

More than 21 Southern Baptist church and college choirs from 10 states have performed on the pavilion stage.

Five live performances delivered by the pavilion's music and drama team, PowerSource, also are a daily feature. An average of 2,500 daily visitors exhibit a generally positive response to the 30-minute, scripture-based performance and other pavilion features.

"It's very different," said one Kentuckian. "But it reached out and drew your attention."

"It sent chill bumps all over me," exclaimed a Chattanooga woman.

At 3:30 each afternoon, PowerSource joins the official fair band at one of the site's outdoor theaters to deliver a variety of popular tunes and Broadway selections.

The Elm Tree Theater performance attracts many fairgoers to the Baptist Pavilion. "We've even escorted people to the pavilion," says PowerSource member D. Ray Davis of Chester, Va.

The pavilion's 248 air conditioned seats attract many scorched fairgoers to frequent showings of the 16-projector slide presentation "The Word is Energy." "It was a little technical," felt a Virginia woman. "I'm not an educated person, but I got a good feeling from it, about energy and that God is all energy."

Approximately 200 people per day enter the lobby at the pavilion's back entrance which contains the old Bibles, including one dating from 1500. "I'd love to spend about three hours looking at that Bible display case," enthused one North Carolinian.

Immediately outside the pavilion, puppets charading from a circus-like Baptist Ministries wagon entertain children, passersby and pavilion visitors. An additional wagon at the west end of the fair is operated by guest church and college puppet teams. PuppetPeople, a group of Tennessee Baptist Convention Baptist Student Union missionaries, supervises the guest teams and performs hourly from the wagon adjacent to the Baptist Pavilion.



SEVERAL SOPRANOS await a cue from their director, Ava Bond. The girls are part of the youth choir from First Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss. The choir sang at the Baptist pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair on June 8, after an eight-day concert tour in Tenn., N.C. and Miss.

## Short Creek sponsors RA camp at park

Royal Ambassadors of Short Creek Baptist Church, Iuka, recently sponsored their first RA camp. The camp was named in memory of the late Brian Booker, of neighboring Eastport Baptist Church "who in 11 short years of life taught many people, even older ones, what it was like to be a Christian witness."

Twenty-one boys, ages 3-16, attended the camp June 4, 5, and 6 at P. Coleman State Park, Iuka. Eight boys and two counselors came from Eastport Church, and 13 boys and four counselors from Short Creek.

G. D. Jones, Short Creek pastor, led the worship service Saturday night.

Activities included goofy golf, swimming, kickball, horseshoes, archery, and campcraft.

Plans have been started already for next year's camp.

## Missions Day camp theme: Internationals

"Internationals" was the theme of a week of Missions Day Camping experiences for children and youth in Union Association recently. The activities were held on the farm of Mrs. Jewel Hawkins, near Union Church, with an enrollment of 55.

R. O. Sigrest was director of the program, and Mrs. Hawkins was associate director.

Activities began each morning at 9 with prayer, a devotional, pledges to the American and Christian flags, and the conservation pledge. Other activities for the week included mission stories, nature walks, cookouts, handicrafts, watermelon-cutting, swimming, and homemade ice cream.

On Monday, Richard Pass, director of missions for Adams and Union Associations, spoke to the campers. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Edward McKinney led the boys and girls in handicraft activities, showing them how to treat and took design leather.

Three churches in the association participated in the day camping program: Pleasant Hill, New Providence, and Union Church.

## New Hope youths teach in Arkansas

Young people from New Hope Baptist Church, Foxworth, worked in Calvary Baptist Church, Dardanelle, Ark., June 12-19, leading worship services, doing surveys, teaching in backyard Bible Clubs, singing, and witnessing.

"God blessed this mission trip from beginning stages," said David Dewease, minister of youth at New Hope. "The kids worked for, and earned all the money for the trip—\$3,500. God saw us through a mechanical breakdown on our bus, and kept us safe during our stay."

There were several professions of faith as a result of the efforts. "Even the youths on mission experienced a revival and grew much closer together in the Lord," said Dewease.

Youths who went were Ray Lynn Pittman, Karen Pittman, Kyle Pittman, Daniel Pittman, Danny Thomas, Michael Clark, Jennifer Keopp, Tammy Slocum, Troy Slocum, Greg Mayers, Darrell Magee, Kim Turnage, Lisa Stringer, Eric Stringer, Regina Stringer, and Teresa Giles. Chaperones were Julia Clark, Estelle Stringer, Tonie Giles, Faye Turnage, and David Dewease.

## Midwestern awards alumni charter

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary alumni, in annual meeting in New Orleans, awarded a charter to the Mississippi Alumni Fellowship of the seminary.

Southern Baptists' youngest seminary now has alumni serving in Mississippi in almost every aspect of church and denomination-related service. A number of Mississippians are also now studying at the seminary in Kansas City.

Joe Young, pastor at Paul Church, Scooby, and president of the Mississippi alumni, accepted the charter for the Mississippi group.

Other officers include Ken Watkins, BSU director at Mississippi State, vice president, and Wallace Lee, administrative assistant at Baptist Children's Village, secretary-treasurer. Mississippi's representative on the Midwestern Board of Trustees, Kermit McGregor of Clinton, was present for the occasion.

## Former Jacksonian finds her niche in Bangalore

BANGALORE, India—Every Saturday afternoon, 80 children with eager faces gather in Joan Fox's driveway in Bangalore, India.

They see puppets and flashcard stories, learn Bible memory verses and sing songs. They're members of a Good News Club.

The group began in 1980 when Joan, a new missionary to India, began searching for her "niche." One afternoon the former resident of Jackson, Miss., took her tape player and some pictures to her front porch and some neighborhood children gathered. When others came the next day, she decided to begin a Good News Club. Within six weeks the group grew from 23 to more than 80 children.

Since 80 children are more than one person can easily handle, Joan has enlisted several Indian Christians to help her. Together, they've tackled special projects like feeding the children, many of whom are malnourished, at Christmas and showing a film in the driveway for the children and their parents at Easter.

This year more than 200 people saw the film "Jesus" in the Tamil language. Twelve adults indicated they

wanted to know more about Jesus and a weekly Bible reading group has started.

Joan and Dick Fox were members of First Baptist Church, Jackson prior to appointment to India in 1979. Their visas never came through and the couple were reassigned to India where Dick serves as a physician at the Baptist Hospital in Bangalore.

He received his M.D. from University Medical Center in Jackson and he worked as a staff physician at Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield.

Joan is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and worked as an Acteens leader at First, Jackson. Frances Smira, WMU director at the church recalls that when Joan was prayer leader for her Baptist Women's group, she would write the missionaries weeks ahead of their birthdays asking for specific prayer requests.

"It was through our women's mission organizations that she really got the vision of missions," says Mrs. Smira. "Dick's commitment, recalls Mrs. Smira, came during a World Missions Weekend at the church, where members spend time with furloughing missionaries."



Journeyman minister of youth Sandra (Sandy) Snell (center back row of girls—third from left) with youth of Calvary Baptist Church, Bangkok, Thailand. Five nationalities are represented: German, Burmese, Chileans, Thai, and American (Photo by Maxine Stewart).

## Journeyman's duties range from A to Z

By Maxine Stewart

Missionary, Thailand

Sandra (Sandy) Snell, missionary journeyman, became minister of youth at Calvary Baptist Church, Bangkok, Thailand, in 1980, where she has worked for two years.

She led Bible studies, directed the youth choir, directed an instrumental ensemble, was in charge of activities such as fellowships, youth retreats, parties, and puppet ministry.

Being flexible, Sandy also worked with children, organizing a cherub choir, and a little handbell group! She taught a Sunday School class, grades 1-4, and gave the children their first day camp experience.

Shortly after she arrived at Calvary Church, the church secretary left for America. Sandy filled the vacancy until a new secretary was employed.

Some of her "outside" activities included visitation in Laod Yao Prison, a women's prison working with American women prisoners.

She also served on a committee whose members came from churches all over Bangkok, plus some other interested people, who worked with emigrants in Suan Plu jail. These were people who over-stayed their visa or got caught without proper papers and such, not really bad (hardened criminals) people. They did not have money to pay fines or buy a ticket out of the country. This committee assisted these people in food, clothing, blankets, and in some cases, fines and plane tickets.

Coming from a family of teachers, Sandy decided some time ago that she did not want to be a teacher. However, while in Thailand she did some teaching at the Baptist Student Center and discovered she really liked it, a surprise to her.

While teaching at the Center she met a Christian Thai girl, Pra Dhop, a kindergarten teacher at Immanuel Baptist Church. She was a member of a singing group in the church, Thai speaking. She learned Sandy was presenting a Christian musical at Calvary Church and took the singing group to hear it. As a result the leader of the singing group (Thai) later went to Sandy and invited her to sing with them. They sang some songs in English, but most were in the Thai language, which they put into English phonetics for Sandy, and she memorized a number of Thai songs.

When her parents visited in Thailand they attended Immanuel Church, getting to hear their daughter sing with the Thai group. She and Pra Dhop also sang a duet.

The two years in Thailand gave Sandy a deeper appreciation for L. Graham Smith, a former minister of music and youth at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, where Sandy is a member. "So much of what he taught me has come through," Sandy pointed out. "I have thought about him many

times. He is one of the people I want to sit down with when I get home and have a nice long talk, and tell him personally I appreciate what he has done through the years." (Smith is now associate pastor, Morrison Heights, Clinton.)

Sandy discovered her prayer life changed, in a sense. Many of her prayers started with, "Lord, I've never done this before. Teach me how. Show me how. I can't do it on my own. Help me! Help me! Help me!" And he did, just like she knew he would.

Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Harris Snell of Hattiesburg. She received her B.S. degree in social and rehabilitation services and psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi.

(Sandy Snell, missionary journeyman to Thailand, has completed her two-year term of service and returned to the States. Address: 411 South 24 Ave., Hattiesburg, MS 39401.)

## Roseland Park sends teams to Atlanta and Brazil



The "Mission to Brazil" Team from Roseland Park Baptist Church includes, left to right: Kathy Grantham, Ann Lisenbea, John Tatum, Nikki Kirby, Gene Smith, Barbara Grantham, Charles Grantham, Mary Doyle, and Alvin Doyle.



A youth group from Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune, served in three Baptist Centers in Atlanta and performed the musical, "The Common Cup."

Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune, has been discovering the real meaning of the Great Commission, said Gene Smith, pastor. The church has commissioned two summer missionaries, 44 youths and adults to serve in Atlanta, and nine adults to participate in the "Mission to Brazil—Campo Grande Evangelism Project."

The two summer missionaries are Vicki Grantham, serving in St. Louis, and Lori Smith, serving in Idaho. Vicki was recently graduated from William Carey and Lori is a student at Mississippi College.

The youth group recently completed a week of working in three Baptist

Centers in Atlanta, Ga. They taught Vacation Bible School. "The Common Cup" was the musical they performed at First Baptist Church, Atlanta; Talladega, Ala., and Bessemer, Ala. The minister of music, Ronnie Nelson, coordinated the trip.

Nine adults from Roseland Park left July 22 for Campo Grande, Brazil where they are participating in a revival at Second Baptist Church. Gene Smith is preaching. The other team members are working with the Brazilian lay people in door-to-door visitation, and also are witnessing in parks, jails, businesses, and army posts. They will return to Picayune Aug. 4. NAMES

## Names in the News

The Sharrett brothers will be in concert at McDowell Road Baptist Church, Jackson, August 8, at 7 p.m. Admission will be free, reports Johnny E. Speeding, Jr., associate pastor and minister of music.

38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg recently licensed Jon David Tate to the gospel ministry. Tate was graduated from University of Southern Mississippi in May and will enter Golden Gate Seminary.

Ben E. Loring Jr. has resigned as vice president of counseling services for the Radio and Television Commission to become pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., effective Aug. 1.

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## W. E. Denton, pastor, retires

William Everett Denton retired July 26 after serving in the pastorate for 34 years in Mississippi and Arkansas. His last Sunday as pastor of the Arkabutla Baptist Church, Arkabutla, Miss., was July 25.

Denton, a native of Calhoun County, Miss., received his education at Clarke College and Mississippi College. His first pastorate was at Walthall Baptist Church, Walthall, Miss., beginning January, 1948.

He married Genevieve Turner of Citronelle, Ala. and they have a son, Tim Denton of Charleston, S.C., and a daughter, Mrs. Jenny Denton Bain of Clinton.

His address in retirement will be Rt. 1, Box 325-A, Citronelle, Ala. 36522 (phone 205/866-2544).

## Alcohol-drug program available

Five staff members from the Home of Grace in Vanceleave are involved in an outreach ministry and program called "The Home of Grace Alcohol/Drug Witness Team."

These Christian laymen have been in charge of many morning and evening worship services in Baptist and other churches throughout Mississippi and Alabama. They have presented their program to many different civic organizations and schools. Their service and testimonies are directed toward the young people of the church and community.

Pastors or others interested in presenting this team may contact Bill Barton, 826-4128 or Kenn Meeks, 826-5283. Meeks, who is staff counselor for the Home of Grace, said there is no charge for this program on alcohol and drugs.



Tina Rutledge, daughter of the Building Committee chairman, Norris Rutledge, broke the ribbon to allow the congregation to enter the new education building, and to open doors to new areas of ministry for the Paul Church.

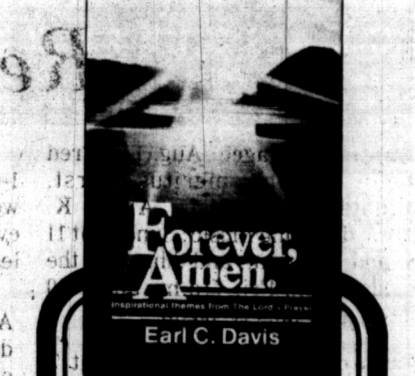
## "Here's to those sore thumbs, cracked heads, aching backs"

Here's a tribute to those who gave of their time, sore thumbs, cracked heads, aching backs, and other innumerable happenings to help Paul Baptist Church in their building program. That was the inscription on a cake baked by Mrs. Mary Lane, organist at Paul Baptist Church, Scooby, and professional cake decorator. The cake was served at a reception held June 27 in honor of those who helped to build the education building dedicated that day.

The \$35,000 building only cost a little over \$8,000, because members and friends skilled in construction provided most labor and sold materials to the church at or near cost. "Because of this," said the pastor, Joe Young, "the church was able to increase all mission gifts 43% above the same period last year."

The multi-purpose building, mostly one large room, is equipped with portable partitions, thus providing a fellowship hall, four additional Sunday School rooms, music library, choir area, and clothing closet for crisis ministry.

John B. Spencer, layman and deacon of First Baptist Church, Charleston, and a retired architectural engineer and merchant, donated his time to supervise the construction. During the dedication service, Spencer and his wife received gifts from Paul Church, including a Bible commentary, and Spencer was named an honorary deacon of the church.



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**Pine Grove, Magee:** Aug. 1-6; Fred Moseley, pastor-emeritus, First, Lucedale, evangelist; Andy K. Hughes, directing music; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., and dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; B. E. Padgett, pastor.

**Concord (Yazoo):** Aug. 1-6; at 7 a.m.; Robert Hamblin, professor at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Petie Neely, music evangelist; Rick Spencer, pastor.

**Duffee Church (Newton Co.):** Aug. 1-6; team from Pine Grove Baptist Church (Lauderdale), in charge; Curtis Dyer, Pine Grove pastor, evangelist; Wayne Culppepper, song leader; Ann Barnett, pianist; Sunday 11 and 7; week nights at 7:30; James Stephens, pastor.

**Union Church (Franklin):** Aug. 1-6; inner on the grounds and an afternoon service on Sunday; weekday services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Ben Carlisle, pastor, Woodville Church, evangelist; Mrs. Kathryn Barfield of Yazoo City, directing the music; Bob Rogers, pastor.

**Pleasant Hill (Leake):** July 26-30; at 7:30 p.m.; Arzone Burns, pastor, Steele (Scott), evangelist; Jimmy McDill, pastor.

**Good Hope near Purvis:** July 25-30; Randall Broome, evangelist; David and Mona Dewease, musicians; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. plus lunch at church; Mon.-Fri. at 7:15 p.m.; Eugene W. Broome, pastor.

**Rock Bluff (Smith):** Aug. 2-6; services at 7:30 p.m.; Tommy Miles, pastor; Danny Lanier, evangelist; Ralph Hall, song leader.

**Harland's Creek (Holmes):** Aug. 1-6; regular times Sunday; during week at 7:30; Philip Duncan, Skene, evangelist; Donald Byrd, Tchula, song leader; John Sproles, pastor.

**Montgomery Church near Summit:** Aug. 1-6; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 7 p.m.; Paul Wilson, evangelist; R. T. Spivey, directing music; Robert Mooney, pastor.

**Shiloh (Alcorn):** Aug. 1-6; Charles Dill, pastor, East Corinth Church, evangelist; H. G. (Buddy) Earwood, Jr., minister of music, Tate Street Church, Corinth, leading music; Horace Thomas, pastor; 7:30 nightly.

**Edon Church, Stringer:** Aug. 1-6; James Yates from Union Baptist Church near Raleigh, evangelist; music under direction of pastor, David E. Townsend; Sunday at regular times; during week at 7:30 p.m. and 11 a.m.

**Mt. Zion (Franklin):** Aug. 1-6; Paige Cothren, Memphis, TN., evangelist; Ronnie McCall, Hattiesburg, music evangelist; services Monday - Friday, 7:30 p.m.; homecoming Aug. 1 with dinner on the grounds followed by a 1:30 service; John Adams, pastor.

**Strong Hope (Copiah):** Aug. 4-8; Jim Richardson, pastor, Bethel Church, Franklinton, La., evangelist; Mrs. Robert Reid, music director; Jerry Kennedy, pastor; Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat. at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; homecoming Aug. 8 with service at 11 a.m. and dinner at the church.

**Immanuel Church, Batesville:** Aug. 1-6; at 7:30 p.m.; Johnny Green, pastor, First, Parkin, Ark., evangelist; Pat Herron, song leader; Eugene Howell, pastor.

**Paletine, Harrisville:** Aug. 1-6; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Roger Lee, evangelist; Sammy McDonald, music director and interim pastor.

**Ogden Church, (Yazoo):** Aug. 1-6; Sun. services, 11:00 a.m., dinner on the ground, afternoon service, 2:00 p.m., no Sunday night service; Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Richard Herrington, pastor, Hermitage Church, Nashville, Tenn., evangelist; Jimmy Hardy, Grace Church, Rayville, La., music evangelist; H. R. Herrington, interim pastor.

**Leesburg (Rankin):** Aug. 1-6; Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the ground; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Arnold Robinson, Hickory, evangelist; Phil Granger, music director; Ricky E. Kennedy, pastor.

**Bay Springs, Porterville:** July 25-30; at 7:30 p.m.; homecoming was held July 25; Gene May, pastor at Liberty Church, Kemper County, evangelist; J. M. Snowden, pastor.

**Old Silver Creek (Lawrence):** Aug. 6-8; Fri.-Sat. at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. with lunch at church; Joseph B. Knight, minister of education, Crossgates Church, Brandon, evangelist; Sherrod Rayborn, minister of music, Bethel, Monticello, music evangelist; Doug Warren, pastor.

**First Church, Stonewall:** Aug. 1-6; Perry Neal, Montgomery, Ala., evangelist; Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, Jackson, music evangelist; Tues.-Fri. at 10 a.m.; evening services at 7; Albert McMullen, pastor.

**Greystone Christian School, Mobile, Ala.,** music director; Roy Hawkins, pastor.

**First, McLaurin:** Aug. 1-6; Gerald Carlin, pastor, Glendale, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Joe Clark, Temple, Petal, music director; Sunday at 1 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Jerry G. Wise, pastor; Kenneth McCordle, church music director; homecoming Aug. 1, with noon meal and fellowship at the church.

**Black Jack Church, Vaughan (Yazoo):** Aug. 1-6; John Voss of Jackson, evangelist; Mickey Henderson, minister of music at Hillcrest, Jackson, leading music; Kenneth L. Anderson, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the ground; Sun.-Fri. at 8 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 10 a.m.

**Driver's Flat (Calhoun):** Aug. 1-6; at 7:30 p.m.; John Stewart, preaching.

**Oakland Grove, Laurel:** Aug. 1-6; Billy Murphy, pastor, Wildwood, Laurel, speaking; Gloria Ladner, Heidelberg, First Baptist Church, song director; Sunday, regular services; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; T. D. Traylor, pastor.

**Rocky Point (Leake):** Aug. 1-6; Sunday regular times; during week at 10:45 and 7; Tommy and Diane Winder, Tupelo, evangelists; David Wilkinson, pastor.

**First Church, Marion:** Aug. 1-6; Ed Deuschle, Trinity, Fulton, preaching; Franklin Denham, Highland, Meridian, leading music; Sunday 11 and 7; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs. mornings at 11:30; Eddie Graves, pastor.

**Clifton (Scott):** July 28-Aug. 3; Joe Ratcliff, Collins, evangelist; Welton Madden, Sebastopol, music evangelist; weekdays 10 and 7:30; no Saturday morning service; Sunday 11 and 7 and dinner on the grounds; J. Courtney Selvy, pastor.

**Euclatubba Ch., (Lee Association):** Aug. 1-6; reg. services on Sunday, Mon.-Fri. services at 7:30 p.m.; Joe McIntire, pastor, Verona, First, evangelist; Randy Wood, Verona, First, music director; Harold Hutcherson, pastor.

**Beulah (Newton):** Aug. 1-6; reg. services on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Bill Fox, pastor, Cash Church, Scott County, evangelist; Harry Sartain, pastor, leading the music.

**Zion Hill, Liberty:** Aug. 1-6; Tommy Jackson (brother of the pastor), pastor of Red Oak Church, Livingston, La., evangelist; Virgil Knight, music director; Odus Jackson, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with dinner at the church; during week at 7:30 p.m.

**Harrisville (Simpson):** Aug. 8-11; Billy Joe Pierce, pastor, Cypress Church, Venton, La., evangelist; Billy Bowie, New Zion, Florence, music leader; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with lunch at the church; Mon.-Wed. at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Gene Erwin, pastor.

**New Prospect (Northwest):** Aug. 1-6; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. week days; H. T. Curbow, pastor, evangelist; Bill McCulley, music director.

**Goodwater (Lauderdale):** Aug. 1-6; Sunday at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at church and afternoon service, but no night service; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Terry Williams, pastor, Polkville, First, evangelist; Slim Burns, music evangelist; John Purvis, pastor.

**Hardy Church, Grenada:** July 30, 31, Aug. 1; youth-led revival for all ages; Chuck Kelly, Jr., director of Innovative Evangelism, New Orleans, La., evangelist; John Yates, (son of James Yates, pastor of First, Yazoo City), minister of music and youth at Boyle, directing the music; youth to be highlighted in leadership roles during weekend; youth fellowship after each service; Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with dinner on the ground.

**Mantee (Webster):** Aug. 1-6; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; James Richardson, Madison, evangelist; Tim Blann, Hot Springs, Ark., music director; Paul Thibodeaux, pastor.

## Ingomar to mark 75th anniversary

Ingomar Baptist Church, Union County, will observe its 75th anniversary on Aug. 8. J. C. Mitchell will speak at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Building at noon. A choir and hymn festival will take place in the sanctuary, beginning at 1:30 p.m., according to Bert Harper, pastor.



## Just for the Record

**Driver's Flat Church, Calhoun County**, will hold an all-day singing on Sunday, Aug. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch will be spread at the church. Dero Bellinger will deliver a message at the noon hour. A revival will begin that night at 7:30.

The youth choir from **Woodlawn Baptist Church, Baxley, Ga.**, will present the musical, "Believer" by Dallas Holm, at **Edon Baptist Church** near Stringer on Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. The Georgia choir will be on the way home from a mission tour in Montana. David E. Townsend is Edon pastor. Gary Lewis will direct the Woodlawn choir.

### Homecomings

**Sardis Church (Smith):** homecoming; Aug. 1, beginning at 10:30 a.m.; Billy Ray Smith, a former pastor, bringing the morning message; lunch served at noon, followed by singing in the afternoon; offerings of day to go to cemetery fund for maintenance; Wayne Adams, pastor.

**Newhebron Baptist Church, Newhebron:** Aug. 1, beginning at 10 a.m.; former pastor J. B. Watkins to speak; recognition of charter members and families; revival begins; message by Luther Price, evangelist from South Carolina; lunch in fellowship hall; mini-concert by former ministers of music; message by former interim pastor, Carroll Jackson; no service that night; revival 7 p.m. - Aug. 2-6; Earl Clark, pastor.

**Rock Bluff (Smith):** homecoming day Aug. 1; morning service at 10:45; dinner on grounds; singing in afternoon with Deacons Quartet from Jackson being featured.

**First Baptist Church, Ovet:** homecoming; Aug. 1; dinner in the fellowship hall after the morning service; singing and testimonial services at 1:30 p.m. (Patsy Eakes, church member said that former pastors have a special invitation.)

**Oak Grove, Hernando:** homecoming; Aug. 1, beginning at 11 a.m.; revival Aug. 15-20; Charlie Grigsby, evangelist; Eddie Prince, pastor. The church is celebrating its 130th anniversary this year.

**Ebenezer Baptist Church, Senatobia:** Aug. 1; old-fashioned day; old-fashioned attire will be worn by all who will; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11; Loyce Hall, speaker; pot-luck meal at noon; music program in the afternoon, Archie Goodwin, minister of music at Ebenezer, leading; Claude Lazenby, pastor.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CALHOUN CITY, burned a \$50,000 note June 20, that it had paid in five months. The church completed an education building, fellowship hall, and library addition in September, 1981, plus renovation of existing education and office space, for \$590,000. The church as contractor hired a local builder, Ralph Hutchins, building superintendent, estimates the value now to be over a million. Added to \$200,000 on hand at the beginning of construction, Together We Build (led by Clarence Cutrell) brought \$345,509.15, with two months remaining on pledges. Left to right, above, C. T. Myers, Jr., chairman, Building Committee; Rupert Lunceford, deacon chairman; Anthony S. Kay, pastor; Carter Dobbs, chairman, Building Finance Committee; Hutchins; Clyde Parker, Over-All chairman.



Seventy-eight members of "His Witnesses," youth choir at Parkway Baptist Church, Natchez, and six adults left Natchez on Wednesday, July 21, for a ten-day tour to include Knoxville World's Fair, Opryland, Lookout Mountain, and Rock City. They will present the musical "And There Was Light" at West Heights Baptist Church, Pontotoc, and First Baptist Church, Louisville, and stop for a four-day retreat at Lake Tiak-O'Khata at Louisville with Kent Adams from Houston, Texas, as guest speaker. "His Witnesses" will present a home concert on Sunday, Aug. 1, at Parkway.

**First Baptist Church, Kosciusko,** sent 14 people to Sidney, Mont., July 5-17 to conduct Bible schools and do survey work. The pastor, Ed Gandy, preached in revival services. First, Kosciusko and the Southern Baptist church in Sidney are partners in pioneer missions. Thirty other churches in Attala County will send 20 people to Poplar, Montana, on a similar mission Aug. 1-8. Joe Blackwell will preach in revival services at a mission in Brockton.

**Driver's Flat Church, Calhoun County,** is holding Vacation Bible School this week. July 26-30, starting each night at 6:30. All age groups are participating with James Wilson as director. Commencement exercises will be held Friday night, July 30, at 8 p.m.

**Laughter** is the joyous, universal evergreen of life.—Abraham Lincoln

**Larue Baptist Church near Ocean Springs** is having VBS July 26-30 on the theme, "Where I Live," mornings, 8:30-11:30, for ages 3-18.



W. F. EVANS, pastor, right, presented the God and Country Award to JOEY WALTERS, left, of State Boulevard Baptist Church, Meridian. Joe is a scout leader and also an R.A.

## Hebron (Jones) will celebrate

Hebron Baptist Church, Jones County, will have a centennial celebration Aug. 4-7 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Former pastors will bring the message at each service. There will be a time of fellowship on Wednesday and Friday nights following the service.

On Sunday there will be dinner on the ground with a special service in the afternoon, said the pastor, Wade Rogers.

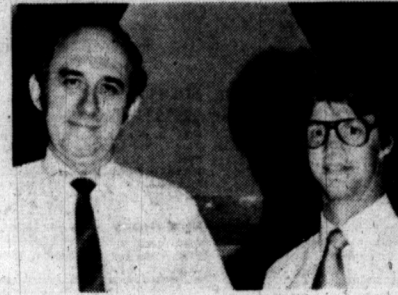
### Causeyville to mark centennial

Causeyville Baptist Church, near Meridian, will observe its one hundredth anniversary, and homecoming on Aug. 1.

The 11 o'clock message will be brought by W. B. Abel, who became pastor of Causeyville Church in 1938, and was pastor there for several years.

Lunch will be served and a program of church history and singing will be presented at 2 p.m. There will be no night service. J. R. Davis of Meridian is interim pastor.

## Staff Changes



FRANK BISHOP is the new pastor of North Winona Baptist Church, Winona. He, along with a new youth and music director, PETER FAIRLEY, moved on the field in June. John Allen Wade had been serving as interim pastor. Fairley, a graduate of Southern Seminary with MCM degree, is the son of Ovis Fairley, director of mission work at Parchman.

**Madison-Ridgeland Baptist Church** has called Sherman Rice as pastor. He formerly served at Farmhaven Baptist Church, Canton.

**Forest Point** has accepted the pastorate of Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County. He has been serving as supply and interim pastor in Calhoun Association.

**Temple Baptist Church, Jackson County,** has called Keith Pounds as minister of music. He is a student at Mississippi State.

**Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson County,** has called Roy Lang as minister of music and youth. He moved from North Highland Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La. He is a graduate of Southwest Mississippi Junior College, USM, and New Orleans Seminary.

**Artis Tutor,** pastor of Schoona Valley Baptist Church, Calhoun County, for many years, has retired, due to ill health.

**Jesse Duncan** has resigned as pastor of Ellard Baptist Church, Calhoun County. He plans to study at New Orleans Seminary.

**Hebron Baptist Church, Sardis,** has called Wayne Gene Berry as pastor. He is a graduate of Moss Point High School and has attended William Carey College, New Orleans Seminary, and East Tennessee Bible Seminary, Johnson City, Tenn. His last pastorate was Galilee First Church, Gloucester.

**Tom Martin** has accepted the pastorate of Liberty Baptist Church, Scott Association. He is a native of Yazoo City, and a graduate of Mississippi College.

**David Raddin,** associate pastor at First Church, Wiggins, has resigned to accept the position as minister of youth and activities at First Baptist Church, Brandon.

**Ecru Baptist Church** has called Tim Sullivan as minister of music and youth. Sullivan, a native of Jackson, is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Southwestern Seminary. He formerly served in churches in Oxford, Jackson, and Fort Worth, Texas.

**B. Z. Byrd** has resigned at Clear Creek Church, Wayne County, and has moved to the pastorate of Riverside Baptist Church, Wayne County. He is associational counselor and works as a counselor at East Mississippi Hospital.

**Friday mornings** from 8 to 12 with Thomas N. Elliot, psychologist.

## Devotional

### Stand up for Jesus

By J. Gerald Harris, pastor, Colonial Heights, Jackson  
1 Corinthians 16:13

Two young men from a certain church were graduated from high school and went on to the university. One of the young men was an extreme extrovert; the other, quite to the contrary, was very timid and reticent.

While at school the young extrovert heard many new concepts and philosophies. He became enamored with what he heard and began to question the things which he had been taught as a child. The shy, timid young man was exposed to the same teachings, but tenaciously held to his convictions.

As the first semester drew to a close, both young men were invited to speak in their church for a special program. The affable extrovert accepted the invitation. The introvert, because of his shyness, graciously declined the offer to be on the program.

Harris On the Sunday evening of this student-led program the collegiate with the outgoing personality walked to the pulpit and began to speak. To the amazement of all, he began to belittle the institutionalized church and discredit the validity of the local fellowship, even making some disparaging remarks about the Lord himself. The congregation was appalled and speechless. Then, with an almost arrogant sneer, the young man asked the congregation, "If there is anyone here who can refute what I have said, I challenge you to stand up."

For what seemed like an eternity the congregation sat in deathly silence. At last the timid young man who had refused the invitation to participate in the program stood in the back of the auditorium. He was unprepared to speak, but suddenly the words of a familiar hymn came to mind, and in a quivering voice, he began to speak, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory his army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed."

In a matter of seconds people all across the congregation were standing, to attest to the sovereignty and strength and steadfastness of the Lord. In our day we need people who will boldly and bravely stand up for Christ. The Christian must stand out against this dark world like a diamond in a coal mine. Let the world know that you will unashamedly take a stand for Jesus Christ.

### Bible Book

#### Lament of loneliness

By Gene Henderson, pastor,  
Fairview, Columbus  
Psalm 40, 42, 51

Who has not at one time or another cried out, "Oh God, why is this happening to me?" Recalling such emotional moments will help understand the pathos of the "lament" psalms which are the focus of study for the next three weeks. A sense of loneliness pervades the psalms of lament. It, however, is a symptom and not the cause of lament. An analysis of Psalm 40, 42, and 51 reveals that sorrow, separation, and sin often are the true causes of lamentation.

**I. Mourning caused by sorrow (Psalm 40)**

Trouble and sorrow, like death, are no respecter of persons. Job declared that man's days were brief and filled with turmoil and distress (14:1). The poet of Psalm 40 drew upon the memory of God's past deliverance (40:1-10) for encouragement to face the present challenge (40:11-17).

The psalmist's new song (v. 3) was one of gratitude and praise for deliverance. Like Paul's thorn in the flesh (II Cor. 12:7), the ambiguity of the distress (pit, miry clay) allows wide application. It may have been sickness, sin or any thing causing sorrow. In response to God's deliverance the psalmist expressed his dedication. He recognized that true dedication is expressed in doing God's will and delighting in God's law, not in outward form and ceremony. He also placed emphasis upon public confession and participation in worship (40:9-10).

In the midst of the present evil, so intense the poet felt surrounded and overwhelmed by it, having recalled God's past deliverance, his faith was bolstered. Afresh he petitioned the Lord to deliver him. He prayed for the humiliation and turning back of his enemies, but the uplifting of fellow believers.

**II. Mourning caused by separation (Psalm 42)**

Psalm 42 and 43 comprise a single poem. It is a poem by one estranged from the temple, but it also captures the sensation of loneliness experienced by those for whom the presence of God seems distant. The poem consists of three stanzas. In the first (42:1-5) the poet pictured his longing for God in the image of a drought. As a deer would thirst for a drink in a drought, he yearned to return again to the temple for worship. The depth of his longing is expressed in stanza two (42:6-11). The psalmist compared his experience to the water converging into the Jordan at the base of Mt. Hermon. The flood and waterfall of trouble

had overwhelmed him. He felt isolated and separated from God. His faith asserts itself throughout the poem (42:4, 6, 8) but culminates in the third stanza (43:1-5) where the poet makes his petition for vindication, deliverance, and return.

In the refrain that closes each stanza (42:5, 11; 43:5), faith overcomes despair. Hope in God and prayer become the instruments to defeat the feelings of loneliness and separation.

**III. Mourning caused by sin (Psalm 51)**

The grief and mourning of David following his sin with Bathsheba (II Sam. 11:12) are well known. In Psalm 51 David found deliverance from sin and guilt through confession and God's grace.

David readily acknowledged his sin. He knew that sin could not be covered up. He had tried that (II Sam. 11). It could not be justified. Therefore the only true remedy was confession. Although sin can involve others, David knew that it basically was against God (51:4). Apparently, David never argued with God's judgment nor reacted to God's convicting power. In genuine repentance he contrasted his corrupt nature with God's desire (5:4-6). He pleaded with God to cleanse him. Dr. T. J. Delaughter paraphrased 51:2 "Maytag me with intensified Tide." David was confident that God could re-establish him. The verbs of verses 7-8 are future: "will purify," "will wash," "will make."

David was keenly aware of human weakness and proneness to sin. Therefore, he prayed for a miracle. He asked God to "create a new heart." Restoration of the old heart would not do. He needed a steadfast spirit which would cause him to do right. Moreover, he realized he needed an enthusiastic spirit (51:12). He had learned that a joyous, infectious faith is one of the best antidotes to sin. David vowed to praise God for his deliverance from the power and punishment of his sin. He would offer first to God a broken pride and a repentant heart rather than ritual.

Everyone sometimes is caused to lament. In times of loneliness and isolation the Psalmist learned to recall past deliverances, to combat despair with faith, to pray believing God, to confess any and all sin trusting in God's grace for forgiveness, and to renew commitment to God and his cause.

**Leesburg Baptist Church, Rankin County,** enrolled 202 in its VBS. Six made professions of faith.

### Uniform

#### Apollos: a learning teacher

By Charles S. Davis, associate  
professor of Bible, MC

**Acts 18:24-28; I Corinthians 3:5-9**  
My mailbox at the college this week contained an announcement concerning the "commencement" exercises at the close of summer school. I do not know who first had the wisdom to label "graduation" (an event ending a course of study) a "commencement" (a beginning), but I think the insight is a correct one. The process of teaching and learning is a never ending challenge, and each ending is but a new beginning.

Apollos is one who understood well that never-ending challenge. He was a gifted teacher, but he was willing to acknowledge that he did not know it all. The teacher remained teachable, and thus he stands as a role model worthy of emulation by all of us who are teachers of the word of God.

**I. Apollos: an educated man (Acts 18:24)**

Apollos was a Jewish Christian, a native of Alexandria in northern Egypt. Alexandria was a city of schools and scholars. It was especially noted as the home of the allegorical interpretation of the Old Testament (i.e., every recorded event had an inner and hidden meaning).

The verse under consideration notes that Apollos was "an eloquent man, well versed in the Scriptures." The word translated "eloquent" more likely means "educated," and probably Luke means to say that Apollos was an educated person—a scholar.

Because of this background and environment, Apollos would be very effective in convincing the Jews (who were especially fond of allegorical interpretation) that Jesus was the Messiah. He would be able to prove to them that the Old Testament always looked forward to his coming.

**II. Apollos: an enthusiastic speaker (Acts 18:25)**

This verse notes that Apollos was "fervent in spirit." Although some interpreters see this as an allusion to the Holy Spirit, it probably is a reference to Apollos' enthusiasm as a preacher and teacher of the good news about Jesus. I think we are justified in concluding that it was God's Spirit within him that had made Apollos "fervent in spirit." (It is interesting to note that our English word "enthusiasm" is derived from two Greek words en and theos meaning "God within").

Apollos was an enthusiastic preacher and teacher. The good news

about Jesus excited him and he witnessed with fervor and effectiveness.

**III. Apollos: an eager student (Acts 18:26)**

Although he was already a teacher, Apollos did not cease to be a learner. He knew the truth, but he did not know the whole truth, for he "knew only the baptism of John."

It was at this point that Apollos the teacher became Apollos the student, for he listened to and learned from two wise, gracious, and patient teachers—Aquila and Priscilla. They "expounded to him the news of God more completely." We do not know precisely what they taught him (probably about Christian baptism and the coming of the Holy Spirit in power). William Barclay said that Apollos "knew of the task Jesus gave men to do but he did not yet fully know of the help Jesus gave men to do it." Nevertheless, the result of their teaching was that Apollos more than ever knew Jesus as a living presence, and his power as a preacher and teacher was greatly increased.

**IV. Apollos: an effective teacher (Acts 18:27-28)**

Apollos, now better equipped to do so, but still just as enthusiastic, wanted to bear witness to Jesus at Corinth in the province of Achaia. His fellow Christians in Ephesus supported his mission and sent him off with a letter of recommendation.

In Corinth, he was an effective evangelist and teacher, leading the Jews to Christ and giving real support to the church. His ministry was so successful that there were some at Corinth who thought he was a better preacher than Paul (I Cor. 1:12; 3:4 ff.).

**V. Apollos: an energetic co-laborer (I Corinthians 3:5-9)**

The church at Corinth was a young and volatile one, and soon there were divisions and jealousies. Although there were theological differences, the breaches in the fellowship seemed to be caused primarily by "preacher worship" (I Cor. 1:12).

Paul made it clear that he and Apollos were not enemies but a team. Paul founded the work in Corinth, Apollos energetically supported and furthered the work, but only God saved the people. The noblest thing that can be said about Paul and Apollos is that they were co-laborers with God. God still uses human instruments to bring to men the message of his love; but it is he alone who wakes the hearts of men to new life in Christ!

### Life and Work

#### Resisting sin

By David McCubbin, associate pastor,  
First, Meridian,  
Hebrews 3:12-15; 4:1-2, 6, 11; 10:26-29

This is the first of three lessons under the unit title, "Challenge to Faith." We will be looking at some very real difficulties that stand in the way of victorious faith.

Some of the biblical material that we will be covering has been interpreted in different ways by various scholars. What I present will be in a positive manner but not dogmatic. Any interpretation should be true to the author's writing and consistent with the entire New Testament. In the case of these passages from Hebrews it is easier said than done.

In this lesson we are not dealing with sins in general but a specific sin expressed as unbelief leading one to fall away from God (3:12), lack of faith (4:2). It is further defined as disobedience (4:6,11) and as being deliberate (10:26 RSV) or willful (10:26 KJV).

To refuse to live by the divine light—the will of God made known—is to be disobedient and express lack of faith. During the time of the exodus the children of Israel, in spite of God's mighty demonstrations of power on their behalf, rebelled against God's purpose. They were constantly unhappy (Exodus 17:1-7) and finally decided to get rid of God's leader (Moses), enlist their own man and go back to Egypt (Numbers 14:1-4). The result was that they were not allowed to take the land God had promised. With the best of starts they had failed to reach their destination, all because of unbelief.

Years later the psalmist reminds his readers of the disastrous experience of those early Israelites. Because of rebellion and unbelief they failed to reach the destination God had planned for them.

The writer of Hebrews chooses the words of Psalm 95 to warn his readers against deserting their Christian profession in favor of their former religious persuasion (Hebrews 3:7-12, 15). Christ is the brightest light, the superior revelation. In Christ the voice of God has spoken in clearer terms than ever before. In Jesus God intends to lead many sons to glory (2:10) thus revealing destiny—the promise rest (4:1). Jesus is the good news about what God has in mind ultimately for those who believe and remain obediently faithful. The promise of God's rest is wrapped up in commitment to his son.

The writer's application of this exodus failure is used to dissuade Christians from reverting to unbelief and lack of faith and thus coming up

short of all that God promised. He is not indicating that a Christian can be lost after being saved but that it is possible for disobedience to lose some or much of what has been promised. The promise is grounded in the incarnation, death and resurrection of Jesus and appropriated by faith and faithfulness.

There are grave negative consequences to be faced if one renounces Jesus and deserts his cause (10:26-29). To do so means that there "no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (10:26). Under the old covenant sacrifices for sin, though ineffective (10:11), were offered over and over again. Under the new covenant an adequate sacrifice was made by the death of Jesus. Believers come again and again to repent and confess their sins, find forgiveness and renew their relationship with God on the basis of that one sacrifice.

A Christian does not live above sin. He is not, upon being saved, removed from the enticements of this world. He has a new power to help but often in his weakness he does not avail himself of this power. When he sins there is a way to handle it. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). So the Christian is in continual need of the efficacy of that one sacrifice.

Suppose he renounces Jesus. What about present and future sins? Without Jesus there is no longer an adequate sacrifice for sin. Where can he turn? There is no place he can go. Unforgiven sin becomes a barrier in the person's relationship with God. The writer warns the deserter in the strongest kind of terms of the consequences of his choice (10:27-31). At the same time the writer is not specific about those consequences. He leaves him in the hands of God's judgement.

The Christian community needs this message today. Church rolls reflect this fact. Many give evidence of deserting. Churches need a more forceful presentation of the fact that Christians can be robbed of the fullest measure of God's intent to bless by lack of faith and the sin of unbelief.

#### 130th anniversary

Thomastown Baptist Church will celebrate its 130th anniversary on Aug. 1. E. R. Pinson of Clinton will preach at the morning service. Lunch will be served at the church.

Mike Thrower will preach during the mid-afternoon service. Also a history of the church will be read and the Joyful Joneses will present special music. W. A. Troutman is pastor.